IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :

Bernard NIVELET   :   Art unit: 2175

Serial No.: 09/701,611   :   Examiner: RIMELL, Samuel.G.

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For: METHOD FOR PRECONDITIONING AND ENCODING A DATA
       TABLE, AND METHOD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TABLE
       REQUESTS ON A VECTORIAL PROCESSOR

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AMENDMENT   **DEC 1 6 2002**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks   **Technology Center 2100**
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new Claims 35-52 as follows:

35. (New) A method for preconditioning one or more first data tables of a decision application server in a search system, the first tables intended to be processed by a search engine responding to queries for selecting records from the first data tables, the method comprising the steps of:

   -analyzing predicates contained in fields of records intended to fill the first data tables;